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PERIOD 1975-1979

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CONCUR IN GENERAL WITH POSITIONS CONTAINED IN REFTEL.
SPECIFIC GUIDANCE IS AS FOLLOWS:

1. FUNDING OF SLICE XXV. CONGRESS HAS BEEN ADVISED THAT
US SUPPORTS NORMAL SIZED SLICE XXV AS LAST OF THE CURRENT
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SLICE GROUP. THIS SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE OUR POSITION.

2. COMPARISON OF BIDS EXCLUSIVE OF DUTIES AND TAXES. NEW POLICY OF COMPARISON OF BIDS EXCLUSIVE OF TAXES AND DUTIES SHOULD BECOME EFFECTIVE AS SOON AS POSSIBLE, BUT NO LATER THAN START OF NEW COST SHARING PERIOD. ON PROPOSAL TO DELAY FUND APPROVALS FOR LARGE C AND E PROJECTS WHERE BIDS WOULD NOT BE COMPARED EXCLUSIVE OF TAXES AND DUTIES, SUBMIT IN ADVANCE ANY INTENDED DELAYING ACTIONS ON SPECIFIC PROJECTS FOR WASHINGTON APPROVAL. PROPOSAL DOES NOT APPLY TO NICS PROJECTS, SINCE BID COMPARISON FOR SUCH PROJECTS ARE ALREADY COVERED IN APPROVED NICS PRODUCTION SHARING ARRANGEMENTS.

3. NEXT FIVE YEAR (1975-1979) PROGRAM - SLICES XXVI- XXX. YOU SHOULD SUPPORT A NEW FIVE YEAR CEILING OF 600 M IAUS. YOU SHOULD NOT REPEAT NOT ACCEPT A US COST SHARE GREATER THAN NOW EXISTS WHEN THE EDIP CONTRIBUTION IS TAKEN INTO ACCOUNT. ON THIS BASIS, US COST PERCENTAGE COULD RANGE FROM 18.5 PER CENT, BASED ON 250 M IAU NORMAL PROGRAM PLUS 150 M IAU EDIP PROGRAM, TO 21.4 PER CENT, BASED ON 310/120 MIX. YOU SHOULD TAKE INITIAL POSITION THAT OUR SHARE SHOULD BE REDUCED TO 18.5 PER CENT. WITH RESPECT TO THE UPPER LIMIT OF 21.4 PER CENT, WE BELIEVE THAT WE SHOULD RESIST HAVING ONLY 4 YEARS OF EDIP (120 M IAU) INCLUDED IN MIX. YOU SHOULD LEAVE IT TO THE EUROPEANS TO BRING UP POSSIBLE EDIP PHASE II FOR INFRASTRUCTURE, AND YOU SHOULD TAKE NO INITIATIVE IN THIS RESPECT.

4. IN VIEW OF IMPORTANCE OF THIS SUBJECT, YOU SHOULD REPORT BY TELEGRAM AFTER EACH MEETING WHERE THIS SUBJECT IS CONSIDERED, AND PROPOSE POSITION TO BE TAKEN AT NEXT MEETING FOR WASHINGTON APPROVAL.

5. FOR YOUR INFORMATION, WE INTEND SHORTLY TO ADVISE THE APPROPRIATE CONGRESSIONAL COMMITTEES OF US POSITIONS FOR THE NEXT COST SHARING PERIOD, INCLUDING THE RATIONALE FOR OUR TAKING THESE POSITIONS. RUSH

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